

# Protest was wrong

## Sports post

**SIR** — I note from a recent issue of the Evening News that Wycombe Wanderers' childish gesture at Chesham, in refusing to accept their Berks and Bucks Senior Cup and medals, is now being ventilated at national level.

It has been a requirement for many years that clubs affiliated to the Berks and Bucks F.A. must enter their county cup competition at whatever level they are eligible. The Berks and Bucks F.A. committee is the democratically elected body having jurisdiction over all clubs in the two counties. If the Wanderers wished to make a gesture it would have been preferable that they chose some other form of protest rather than insult their opponents and other officials as was done at Chesham.

Whatever kudos or goodwill that was engendered by their 1-0 defeat by Middlesbrough — if this is what is called success — has been nullified by a gesture that disgusts any but their die-hard supporters.

As always, the Wanderers want their cake as well as eating it. Magnanimously they occasionally allowed their 'hallowed hillside' to be used by what they regard as 'village green' players but this is about their only contribution to local junior soccer. There is a wealth of talent in Wycombe junior and intermediate football which is ignored by the Wanderers in favour of players from all points of the compass.

The best punishment that the Berks and Bucks F.A. could inflict on the Wanderers is to accede to their request to play in the London Senior Cup—after all they did once win the Amateur Cup, who knows they might even win the London Senior Cup before the end of the century. But meanwhile I suggest they remember that there are thousands of players in Berks and Bucks F.A. who don't play for Wycombe and who are proud of medals and cups.

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